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## MEMORIAL ADDRESS

DELIVERED AT THE FUNERAL OF MRS. MARY WRIGHT VAIL

By Rev. E. W. Caswell.

Mrs. Mary Wright Vail was born in the town of Smyrna, Delaware, September 28, 1814, and peacefully passed away, after a brief illness, March 7th, 1901, being in her 88th year. Mrs. Vail was united in marriage to Alexander M. Vail, in the year 1832. Her husband entered into rest a little more than nineteen years ago. The surviving children are, Mrs. Jacob H. Emerson, Mrs. Andrew E. Crow and Mrs. Mary Appleton. Soon after her marriage, she removed to Middletown, where she continued to reside till called to her Eternal Home. Sister Vail united with the Bethesda M. E. Church at the age of nineteen, and was one of its most consistent and devoted members during the entire period of her long and eventful life.

Among the beautiful qualities of her character was that of her disinterested devotion for the welfare and happiness of those about her. She seemed to be among us as one that ministered to the needy and suffering, wherever found. Her devotion to the loved ones of her home was a distinguishing characteristic of her affectionate nature. She was unostentatious, humble and meekness marked and adorned her life. She rarely referred to her own doings or attainments, but ever exalted the love and mercy of Christ. The more the grace of God abounded in her life, the more she could say, "I am less than the least of all saints," and the humblest and poorest child of God always felt at home in her presence.

From the hour that Sister Vail was stricken with her fatal illness, she was unable to converse with the members of her household. The devoted children, from day to day, listened longingly for the loving tones of Mother's familiar voice, but farewell words were not to be spoken—no dying testimony given. The long, devoted life spoke louder than words with the inexpressible eloquence of silence. At last, she did give her testimony, just before her happy spirit took its flight, she spoke in the unutterable facial language of a heavenly love. Suddenly, as if angels and departed loved ones had come to accompany her spirit homeward, her face was illumined with unearthly beauty, more expressive than speech. O, it was a wonderful look of triumph, of victory and of brightening glory. That beautiful picture of Mother being ushered into the presence of angels, with the shining halo on her brow will remain in the minds of dear ones forever.

There is one picture of Jesus painted by Raphael that exceeds all the faces of Christ in all the galleries of the world. It is the wonderful expression of mingled tenderness and majesty, of compassion and grandeur, making a combination of the man of sorrows and the King of kings. People have crossed the ocean to see that painting; princes have coveted it for their palaces. Thousands have stood transfixed with awe before its entrancing beauty, never wanting to leave it. Such must have been the expression upon the face of Mother when she was beholding the light eternal, when the whole of her beautiful life was concentrated, mirrored into one single look, one beautiful smile of rapture, as the spirit saw the glory beyond the shadows of death. In that moment, soul looked into soul and the weeping children held sweet converse with the dying, rising, triumphant, almost glorified mother, in the unspoken and unwritten language of intuition and recognition.

The tiny shellfish, lying at the bottom of the ocean, though filled with the ocean and satisfied with its life, knows so little of the vastness of the waters above it or of the spaces and waters beyond the ocean surface. It is the same with our poor, earthly sight and knowledge. The spiritual universe environs us about, on every side and everywhere. Only when we see one of our dear ones spreading her wings for the heavenly flight, while the flashes of glory mantle the face, while we behold glimpses of the life eternal and long to see the unseen boy.

The dearest words in all earthly language are Jesus, Home and Mother. What beautiful recollections are associated with the precious word, "Mother." No wonder the noblest men have uttered the sweetest words of tongue or pen about her who was dearest to them of all loved ones. Henry Ward Beecher says of his mother, "No devout catholic ever saw so much in the Virgin Mary. Do you know why so often I speak what must seem to you so often a rhapsody of woman? It is because I had a mother and, if I were to live a thousand years, I could not express what seems to me to be the least that I owe her. From her I received my love of the beautiful, my poetic temperament; from her also I received simplicity and childlike faith in God."

It is said that Wendell Phillips' love for his mother was a passion. Her one counsel for him was to be good and to do good and he never forgot to keep his trust where his mother first taught him to place it. The distinguished Garibaldi, speaking of his mother, said: "Often, amidst the most arduous scenes of my tumultuous life, I have in fancy seen her on her knees, before the Most High my dear mother, imploring for the life of her son, and I have believed in the efficacy of her prayers."

You, dear ones, have had such a mother. The memory of her life will ever be blessed and the hope of reunion always an inspiration. To you she seems the best woman in the world; as such, she will be enshrined in your affections. She is your angel mother now and although her lips are silent, she will speak to you in the memory of her sweet ministries and in the beauty of her character and you can well exclaim,

"She led me first to God, Her words and prayers were my young spirit's dew; For when she used to leave The threshold every eye, I knew it was for prayer that she withdrew."

How often has the thought Of my mother's mother brought Peace to my troubled spirit, and new power

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, when eighty-one years of age, wrote to his comrade and friend, John C. Whitier, who was then nearly eighty-four, saying, "We were on deck together, as we began the voyage of life, two generations ago. The life of a whole generation passed and found us in the cabin, with a goodly company of comrades. Then the craft which held us began going to pieces, until a few of us were left on the raft pieced together of its fragments. And now the raft has at last parted and you and I are left clinging to the solitary spar, which is all that still remains afloat of the sunken vessel." These words indicate a feeling of unexpressed sadness, which often comes over the mind of an aged person in the world to behold an aged person without faith in God or hope for the future, having no secure dwelling place here and none beyond. But how beautiful to have the wrinkled brow illumined with light from the eternal world. With one hand holding those of loved ones and the other blessing the bleeding fingers of the blessed Saviour, while all that is earthly is passing out of sight, the richer residence is coming into view. It is like a shock of corn, golden and beautiful for the garner. Some of you have seen those wonderful paintings, entitled "The Voyage of Life." The first is the babe in the cradle, coming out from the mystic cave, with an angel holding the tiller in the hand; the second, the young man standing in his boat, holding the tiller himself, while before him there is that impossible castle in the air which his imagination has built, toward which he is looking; the third, the man in middle life, coming to the very edge of a great cataract, the clouds above black and the lightning flashing out from them, while he stands firm and strong, with a courageous hand upon the tiller; and, last of all, the boat upon the smooth bosom of the river, as a child rests its head upon the bosom of its mother, and before him, not the dark, stormy clouds, but the bright light of the clouds, the angels calling him up and onward. As the aged voyager gazes upward, along the gleaming beams of light that flash down upon him from the city of God, how often he exclaims: "Beautiful heaven where all is light, beautiful angels clothed in white, beautiful harps through all the choir, There shall I join the chorus sweet, Worshipping at the Saviour's feet."

Our beloved mother Vail often expressed herself as anxious to go home. Life in some measure had become a burden, the body a clog, holding down her beautiful spirit, which, like a bird of Paradise, longed to spread its pinions, that it might fly away and be at rest. She delighted in her loved ones; these were the only cards that seemed to hold her, but, at last, they could hold her no longer. A voice called her, a divine voice, to come to that home of the soul, where the weary rest, where separations are unknown, where night and shadow flee away, where unending flowers bloom, where the river meanders, where the waves of the sea are for her feet, where light and love and beauty are everywhere. That is the only real home, never to be dismembered.

It is a beautiful thought that Jesus, immediately after the resurrection, sought for a place where he might meet the beloved disciples and the dear friends of his ministry. So it will be with the mourning ones in this household, when you go home, like the Master, you will look quickly for mother and the loved ones and they will look for you. Oh, what a meeting that will be—what a gathering up of severed friendships! Not on Galilee's shores, nor on Olivet's gentle slopes, but on the golden sands of the shore of the sea of glass, before the Eternal Throne.

"Then weep not, if you love her, that her tedious toil is done, O weep not, if you love her, that her holy rest is won. There should be gladness in your thoughts and smiles upon your brow; For she who was so happy there? Is she not happy now?"

And you will learn to talk of her; and, after many years, The tears which you shall shed for her will not be bitter tears; When you shall tell each other, with a fond and thankful pride, In what purity she lived and in what peacefulness she died."

Her eyes are no longer dull, but see clear, for the tears are for her loved ones. They are returned to the most sensitive corner of heavenly music. Her soul is in the clime of unweariness. Her sky will always be cloudless. Her home will remain unbroken through eternal years. Her friends will always be friends, with no possibility of separation by death or by misrepresentation and misrepresentation. She will never hear words spoken of depreciation, insinuation or defamation. The stars of the tongue are shut out of heaven, "for without are whosoever loveth and maketh a lie."

Let us think of mother in the many mansioned home. She has found here and it is sweet rest to her. Truly, home is flying away to heaven. Our home is not here. Here is solitude, here is separation and change and decay; yonder, where she is, is home: How say will miss you till you come; how say, "That where I am, there may ye be also."

"Homeward the swift-winged sea-gull seeks his flight, The ebbing tide breaks softly on the sand, The sunlit boats draw shoreward for the night, The shadows deepen over sea and land. Be still, my soul, thine hour shall also come; Behold, one evening God shall lead thee home."

Fear not the sorrows, welcome the burdens, which are working out a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. Tears touched the crown of thorns into an ananel of beauty. The king of day is often hidden by passing clouds, but at sunset he clothes the mists of old

ocean with gorgeous splendor, transforming them into crowns of crimson and gold for the glory of the King. So at evening time, it shall be light. All the burdens, all the scars, all the smoke of battle will be transfigured in the beautiful light of God, and will appear as angels to convey your spirits to the skies.

Behold yonder celestial company: See those who have exchanged prisons for palaces; Patmos for Paradise—the head of martyrdom for a crown of glory; passing through seas of their blood to reach the Canaan of eternal rest. One day, weary pilgrim, thou shalt walk the ranks of those scarred heroes, cast all your burdens at the feet of Jesus and hear him say once more, "Come unto me and I will give you rest." Rest on the bosom of your God. Rest in holy companionship and holy employments. Rest from blasted hopes and broken dreams, from falling leaves and withering flowers, "where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest."

"Number thy lambs of love, and tell me now How many can't thou relight at the stars, And blush not at their burning? One, one only, Lit while your pulses by one heart kept time, And fed with faithful fondness to your grave." Who sometimes with a hand stretched I ask from heaven, Steadfast through all things, near when most forgot, And with a finger of unerring truth, Pointing the lost way in thy darkest hour— One lamp, thy mother's love, amid the stars Shall lift its pure flame changeless, and before The throne of God burn through eternity, Holy as it was lit and lent thee here."

**OLD POINT COMFORT, RICHMOND, AND WASHINGTON**  
The third of the present series of personally-conducted tours to Old Point Comfort, Richmond, and Washington, via the Pennsylvania Railroad will leave New York and Philadelphia on Saturday, March 23. Tourists will find these three places of great interest and at the height of their Lenten season, Old Point Comfort especially being sought by those wishing to enjoy the early Spring season. Tickets, including transportation, meals en route in both directions, transfers of passengers and baggage, hotel accommodations at Old Point Comfort, Richmond and Washington, and carriage ride about Richmond—in fact, every necessary expense for a period of six days—will be sold at a rate of \$34.00 from New York, Brooklyn, and Newark; \$32.50 from Trenton; \$31.00 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other stations.

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For itineraries and full information apply to ticket agents; Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York; 4 Court Street, Brooklyn; 789 Broad Street, Newark, N. J.; or Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

## ATTENDED PRESIDENT'S CHURCH

Governor Hunn, attended divine services with his staff at the Metropolitan Church, Washington, last week, when Rev. Dr. Frank Bristol discussed the theme, "Law and Liberty," the visitors occupied reserved seats inside the chancel. President McKinley occupied his pew during the service. Governor Hunn was accompanied by the following members of his staff: Brigadier General George H. Hall, Adjutant General I. P. Wickersham, Quartermaster General J. T. Parker, Lieutenant Colonel A. D. Chaytor, Colonel T. J. Pyle, Colonel Harry W. Vivian, Colonel Edgar L. Haines, Colonel C. E. W. Boeger, Colonel L. G. Sterner and Colonel Frank D. Lacey. After the service, the pastor greeted the visitors very cordially. During the afternoon Governor Hunn and members of his staff attended the proceedings of the senate, and afterward enjoyed an automobile ride around the Capital.

## WILL FIGHT CIGARETTES AGAIN

Like J. Edward Adair, State Senator Isaiah J. Brasure, father of the cigarette prohibitory bill, which passed both houses and was about to be signed by the Governor when the House yielded to a powerful tobacco trust lobby and reconsidered the bill, is "not tired a little bit." He refused to accept and foster the amended bill when it came back into the Senate from the House, saying: "I don't know that bill—let it rest on the side-track between the House and Senate chambers. Mr. Smalley (meaning the attorney for the tobacco companies) and myself will meet here again two years hence, if we both live, and we will renew the fight, and he will be defeated. The cigarette must go, and it will go without the boys going to jail, as this amended fiasco provided."

## KILLED BY SPECIAL TRAIN

John Reed, aged 50 years, was killed by a special train on the Queen Anne's Railroad in Milton last Friday afternoon. Mr. Reed had started to drive to his home near Milton and approached the crossing as the special was nearing town. It is thought that he saw the train, but supposing it would stop at the depot as usual, kept on. Discovering that the train would not stop he attempted to turn his horse but the animal became scared and ran directly in front of the train. Mr. Reed was killed instantly and the horse was thrown at least sixty feet and turned over several times and was not killed. The carriage was completely wrecked. Mr. Reed leaves a wife and five children.

## WILMINGTON CONFERENCE

Official List of Homes Provided for the Preachers and Official Visitors of the M. E. Conference, which convenes at Seaford, Del., on March 20th.

Active preparations are now being made for the session of the Wilmington M. E. Conference, to be held in Seaford M. E. Church, commencing March 20. The program is now being prepared and will be announced next week.

The Rev. W. L. S. Murray, president of the Wilmington Conference Permanent Fund Association, announces that the annual meeting of the association will be held in the Seaford Church on the evening of March 19, at 7.30 o'clock.

## HOMES FOR THE PREACHERS.

Following is the list of conference homes:

## OFFICIAL VISITORS

Bishop D. A. Goodell, D. D., at parsonage. A. B. Leonard, D. D., with L. N. Buttle. E. M. Mills, D. D., with P. H. Rawlins. W. P. Thurfield, D. D., with T. R. Harper. W. A. Spencer, D. D., with F. A. Shipley. Meade, D. D., with L. N. Rawlins. W. V. Kelley, D. D., with T. N. Buttle. T. R. Neeley, D. D., with E. Cottingham. George E. Reed, D. D., with B. D. Quinby. W. F. McDowell, D. D., with B. D. Quinby. J. H. Goucher, D. D., with J. K. Wright. Homer Eaton, D. D., with P. H. Rawlins. J. M. Buckley, D. D., with P. H. Rawlins. F. Wagner, D. D., with I. M. Chipman. W. H. Foote, with P. H. Rawlins. R. M. Cooper, with P. H. Rawlins. George A. Cox, with Thomas Cottingham. James B. Anderson, with H. E. Elliott.

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## Lindale, J. M., with J. H. Kinder.

Macmichol, E. C., with H. C. Pennington.

Martin, O. L., with George W. Horsey. Martindale, E. E., with W. M. Ross. McFarlan, W. E., with M. Andrews. McFarlan, D. F., with J. G. O'Neal. McKinsey, F. E., with Dr. Everett Shipley.

McSorley, F. C., with Dr. J. N. Johns. Merritt, J. B., private arrangements. Miller, E. H., with J. W. Harris. Mitchell, J. M., with Madison Willin. Morgan, S. M., with Mrs. G. C. Morgan. Morris, S. J., with the Rev. L. R. Combs. Mowbray, A. S., with parsonage. Mowbray, W. R., with parsonage. Murray, W. L. S., with Mrs. E. Cottingham.

Moore, F. X., with Captain S. Hearne. Neese, G. R., with M. Andrews. Neese, E. H., with Harry Brown. Northrup, N. P., with J. Frank Willey. Nutter, M. D., with George Huston. O'Brien, T. G., with H. E. Elliott. Otis, J. P., with S. P. Willey. Outlen, J. P., with John Willey. Pheobus, George A., with Samuel Elliott. Pilchard, S. N., with G. F. Callaway. Poole, J. W., with J. E. Willey. Poole, L. E., with T. L. Trice. Poole, W. C., with Captain W. R. Adams.

Prettyman, A. P., with L. N. Buttle. Prettyman, C. W., with A. S. Woolley. Prettyman, J. W., with J. K. Brown. Price, B. E., with Samuel Elliott. Prout, J. T., with Joseph James. Rawlins, P. H., with J. H. Rawlins. Redman, W. W., with James Prettyman at Mrs. Townsend's. Reese, J. D., with H. L. Phillips. Richardson, J. T., with Mrs. Dorsey at Mrs. Butler's.

Riggs, J. D., with Harry Brown. Roberts, E. P., with Captain Houston. Roe, Robert, with J. M. Jones. Scott, A. T., with Bethel Church (at Mrs. H. E. Cannon's).

Senser, G. G., with Joseph Milligan. Sidel, E. R., with W. C. Tull. Sharpe, W. W., with Jesse Sharpe. Shepherd, C. F., with N. H. Brown. Shipman, S. P., with I. K. Wright. Short, F. B., with Dr. W. F. Haynes (hotel).

Smith, Alfred, with J. F. Fogle. Smith, G. P., with R. B. Rigg. Smoot, T. C., with Dr. Carter. Stengle, Adam, with C. M. Chase. Stephenson, R. K., with parsonage. Strickland, G. W., with Charles Willin. Sunfield, E. C., with W. C. Tull. Sypherd, J. O., with W. S. Burton. Tabler, T. F., with J. G. O'Neal. Talley, J. W., with Charles Allen. Talbot, W. F., with Mrs. H. E. Cannon. Taylor, W. P., with Warren Culver. Taylor, Harry, with W. J. Cannon. Terry, T. E., with Mrs. Jane Fisher. Thompson, H. S., with L. E. Wallace. Todd, J. R., with S. A. Brown. Todd, R. W., with J. R. Cooke. Tomkinson, W. E., with Mrs. Laura Ober.

Townsend, G. W., with J. R. Cooke. Turner, H. C., with George Shipley. Van Burkalow, J. T., with Thomas Cottingham. Van Dyke, T. R., with Frank Prettyman. Walton, O. S., with S. M. Jones. Warner, W. M., private arrangements. Watt, Robert, with W. F. Horsey. Webster, Z. H., with H. E. Elliott. Wallin, F. O. B., with Mrs. H. E. Cannon at Mrs. H. E. Cannon's.

White, E. E., with James Barnes. White, W. L., with J. H. Foyers. Wickline, S. J., with L. E. Wallace. Westfield, H. A. G., with W. H. Miller at J. E. Willey's.

Wilcox, G. W., with Mrs. H. E. Cannon. Williams, C. H., with Mrs. Levin Williams. Williams, W. S. H., with J. Harvey Williams. Willis, D. H., with Robert Elliott. Volley, A. C., with R. C. Rigg. Wilson, S. H., with I. A. Kinder. Wise, W. A., with William McDowell. Wood, G. E., with George Crellan. Woodall, G. W., with W. S. Burton. Wright, E. C., with Jesse Sharpe. Wyatt, C. T., with F. Berkeley Horsey. Williams, G. C., with the Rev. L. R. Combs.

## CANDIDATES AND SUPPLIES.

Jones, A. C., with J. J. Ross at N. H. Rogers'. Spencer, Fred., with J. W. Cannon. Smith, C. W., with J. B. Hurley. Buckson, J. A., with A. Hiers, at J. K. Brown's.

Morris, C. K., with Levin Coffin. Wilson, Daniel, with Frank Prettyman. Truit, H. E., with J. T. Stewart (M. Wright).

Kenny, W. H., with J. W. Moore. Hiorns, W. R., with L. N. Buttle. Baynard, Wheatly, with S. B. Posey. Atkinson, W. F., with George Moore. Matthews, W. E., with S. H. Parson. Gwinn, W. R., with S. P. Fields at Mrs. H. E. Cannon's.

Tompkins, G. R., with James Houston. Hammond, W. F., with Mrs. H. F. Cannon. Mitchell, S. H., with Thomas Marvel. Bullock, Moses, with Levin Coffin. Clafham, C. W., with George Moore. Barrett, T. S., with L. A. Kinder. Gray, A. L., with T. L. Trice. McDougle, with J. Y. Miller, at J. B. Willey's.

Davis, A. W., with George Phillips. Mumford, Fred., with W. B. Venables. Conaway, W. N., with W. B. Venables. Geoghegan, J. M., with William H. Coulbourn.

## OFFICIAL VISITORS.

Alfred G. Cox, with H. L. Phillips. The Rev. Seadley, with J. W. Fogle. Dr. A. E. Sudler, with W. M. Ross. Mrs. R. H. Matlack, parsonage. Miss Mollie Thompson, parsonage. Mrs. C. C. Brown, with Mrs. H. E. Cannon.

John C. Smith, a prominent farmer of Queen Anne county, Md., has a valuable milk cow which has adopted two pigs to raise. Mr. Smith noticed that this one of his finest milkers, had discontinued her flow of milk. The cause remained a mystery until



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### SOME EFFECTS OF CANTEN-CLOSING

If Chicago newspapers speak the truth the evil effects which were anticipated from the abolition of the military canteen have shown themselves with signal promptness at Fort Sheridan, the important regular army post in the vicinity of the Illinois metropolis. The "Inter-Ocean" remarks that if the estimable persons who induced Congress to sweep away the canteen could have visited this post last week, when the first pay day of the new system occurred, they would have reason for modifying their ideas to a marked extent. It says:

"They would have found all the old and several new saloons filled with soldiers drinking and gambling in the company of vile characters of both sexes. Later in the night they would have found in the Fort Sheridan barracks more drunken sleepers and more men absent without leave than have been recorded for years. For some years the difference between pay day and other days has not been visible to the ordinary visitor. Soldiers who liked beer were able to get it in reasonable quantities at the canteen at any time, and few celebrated pay day with a debauch. On Thursday, however, such men flocked to the Highwood saloons, and many of them spent their month's pay in a night. Disorder was general and fights were frequent."

There is no ground for questioning the essential correctness of this picture. What has been seen at Fort Sheridan is likely to be witnessed at all other posts where a considerable number of troops are gathered and where drinking places and disorderly resorts are within easy reach. General Otis has been loudly quoted by the opponents of the canteen in their successful assault against that institution. Now the former United States commander in the Philippines is reported as saying:

"I was strongly opposed to the army canteen when first proposed, but from investigation I found that it worked so much better than I expected that I was compelled to endorse it. Under that system the profits went to buy delicacies for the men's tables. Now the men spend more and the profits go to the owners of private gin-mills."

This calls attention to a phase of the question about which little has been said. While the canteen, according to the testimony of an overwhelming majority of army officers, distinctly promoted temperance, order and discipline it had another important, if incidental result, in furnishing a fund from which all the soldiers, whether they were beer-drinkers or not, were able to purchase many comforts and luxuries for their mess-tables. This source of income is now obliterated, and it is asserted that President McKinley and Secretary Root have been anxiously consulting with military officers in the hope of finding some way to make the deficiency good without burdening the Treasury too heavily.

Just how this is to be done does not appear. But it is already evident that Congress made a serious mistake when it voted to destroy the soldiers' club in response to the demands of well-meaning citizens who were totally unacquainted with the practical conditions and necessities of army life.

### EX-PRESIDENT HARRISON DEAD.

General Benjamin Harrison died at 4.45 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, without regaining consciousness. His death was quite and painless, there being a gradual sinking until came the end, which was marked by a single gasp for breath as life departed from the body of the great statesman.

The relatives, with a few exceptions, and several of his old and tried friends, were at the former President's bedside when he passed away at his magnificent home at Indianapolis.

The gradual failing of the remarkable strength shown by the patient became more noticeable in the afternoon, and a few moments before the end there was an apparent break down on the part of the sufferer, as he surrendered to the disease against which he had been so bravely battling for so many hours.

The change was noticed by the physicians and the relatives and friends who had retired from the sick room to the library below were quickly summoned and reached the bedside of the general before he passed away.

Card of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Emerson and all others of the bereaved family of the late Mrs. Mary W. Vall desire to express their thanks and gratitude to their many friends for the many kindnesses extended them during the illness and death of their beloved mother.

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### BILLS PASSED BY LEGISLATURE

In All, There Were 238 Bills Passed by the Last Session of the General Assembly. These are among the 238 bills passed by the Legislature:

To extend the terms of office of the members of the Board of Education of Wilmington.

Providing for the appointment of a deputy municipal judge for Wilmington.

For the improvement of the Christiana river.

Concerning railways on West Ninth street in the city of Wilmington.

Regulating the business of barbers in the city of Wilmington.

Authorizing the Levy Court of New Castle county to borrow \$20,000 to complete Seventh street bridge, Wilmington.

Fixing bulkhead, pier and wharf lines on the Delaware river opposite Wilmington.

Wilmington High School loan bill, authorizing the borrowing of \$150,000.

Authorizing the mayor and Council to borrow \$50,000.

Authorizing a loan of \$60,000 for the streets and sewers of Wilmington.

Authorizing a loan of \$80,000 for the parks of Wilmington.

Increasing the membership of the Department of Elections of Wilmington to five.

Making Lincoln's birthday a legal holiday.

Providing a new method for apportioning the school fund.

Amendments to the general incorporation law, and the law to provide revenue for the State.

Fixing the time for holding school elections in the various districts on the last Saturday in June.

Taxing unimproved vacant lots in Harrington.

Abolishing the age and color columns in the registration books.

Repealing the law appropriating \$1,500 annually to the Delaware State Fair.

Increasing the maximum tax for road purposes in Brandywine hundred.

To increase the salary of the Levy Court commissioners of Kent county.

Requiring road commissioners in New Castle county to keep itemized accounts of expenditures.

Fixing 21 years as the minimum age qualification for voting for church trustees.

Fixing the salary of New Castle county at \$5,000 a year.

Enabling applicants for liquor licenses to make affidavit out of court.

Increasing bond of the secretary of State to \$25,000.

Requiring exporters of oysters to pay a State license.

Concerning the embezzlement of trust funds.

To appoint two State detectives.

Authorizing the satisfaction of mortgages by the duly-accredited attorneys of corporations.

To increase the salaries of the members of the State judiciary.

To authorize the road commissioners of St. Georges hundred to borrow \$10,800 to fund the floating debt.

Appropriating \$25,000 to Delaware College for building purposes.

To increase to \$3,000 the annual appropriation of the Delaware Industrial School for Girls.

Legalizing corporate surety for State, county and municipal officers.

To amend the law taxing manufacturers (Board of Trade bill).

In relation to actions for injuries or death from negligence or violence.

To give cities and towns one-third of the liquor license fees collected by the State therein.

Concerning water and light commission for Georgetown.

Protecting the property of railroad companies from trespassers.

For the protection of birds and their eggs and nests.

Appropriating money to pay sundry claims.

Providing for the appointment of a deputy coroner for New Castle county.

Appropriating \$601.61 to the late secretary of State.

Authorizing the sale of county land at Georgetown.

Fixing the Delaware Railroad Company's State tax at \$10,000 a year.

Fixing the Delaware, Maryland and Virginia Railroad Company's State tax at \$800 a year.

Fixing the Wilmington and Northern Railroad Company's State tax at \$500 a year.

Taxing the Kent county almshouse for school purposes.

Relieving the city of New Castle of the payment of taxes to the road commissioners of New Castle hundred.

Changing the terms of grade certificates of teachers and abolishing provisional certificates.

Extending the time for the completion of the New Castle County Workhouse.

Appropriating \$6,000 for the improvement of schoolhouses for colored children.

Incorporating the Delaware Guaranty and Trust Company.

Appropriating \$900 annually to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Extending the time for collecting unpaid taxes in New Castle for 1898.

Prohibiting carp fishing in the Delaware river and tributaries in June, July and August.

Providing life imprisonment or capital punishment of kidnappers.

For the maintenance of free libraries in towns of the State.

Abolishing the office of State detectives.

Authorizing the use of an indelible pencil or crayon in marking ballots.

To guard against the prevalence of tuberculosis among the lower animals.

Providing that the clerk of the peace shall be a member ex-officio of Kent county Levy Court.

Providing for the punishment of defendants in execution or attachment process, who remove goods under execution or attachment.

Increasing the salary of the governor's and secretary of State's stenographer.

Prohibiting the sale of oleomargarine as butter.

Increasing the appropriation and the powers of the State Board of Health.

Increasing the appropriation for the pathological and bacteriological laboratory.

Concerning the attachment of wages for board and for certain debts.

Providing corporal punishment for wife-beating.

Exempting the Sarah White Home from taxation.

Providing for voters' assistants at elections.

### REQUIRING CONSTABLES IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY TO WEAR BADGES.

Appropriating \$1,000 for the State Board of Agriculture, to make an exhibit at the Pan-American Exposition.

Increasing the compensation of the Trustees of the Poor in Kent county to \$2.50 daily.

For the further protection of women in settling estates.

Reorganizing the New Castle county Levy Court on a seven commissioner basis.

Appropriating \$625 for the burial of indigent soldiers.

To amend the charter of Milford.

Appropriating \$1,000 for the observance of Memorial Day.

Requiring veterinarians to register and take out a license.

Appropriating \$6,000 to the State College for Colored Students.

Providing life certificates for teachers in certain cases.

Doing away with justices' certificates in the case of colored persons applying for marriage licenses.

Giving the Board of Pardons power to summon witnesses.

Readjusting the taxes to be paid annually by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.

Providing for free ambulance service in Wilmington.

Abolishing the investment tax affidavit.

Increasing the governor's contingent fund.

Legalizing live bird shooting matches.

Appropriating \$124,000 to the Delaware State Hospital at Farnhurst.

Making Saturday half-holiday in banks in St. Georges hundred.

Prohibiting the erection of frame buildings on Lookerman street in Dover.

Authorizing the governor to appoint a shad patrol for New Castle.

The whole number of bills introduced in the Senate was 115 and in the House, 390, a total of 475. Sixty-eight of the Senate bills and 170 of the House bills passed.

### TOWNSEND NEWS BUDGET.

Mr. John Guessford lost a valuable horse a few days ago.

Miss Katie Hutchinson has returned from a visit to Clayton.

Mr. John Ellis has returned from a visit among his Philadelphia friends.

Rev. Albert Chandler has had a glorious meeting at Hurlock. We are very glad.

Our young friend, Winfield Lee, son of Mr. James Lee, has been quite sick. We are glad to report him much improved.

The Townsend Sunday School raised a snug sum for benevolences at the meeting last Sunday. Congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor were presented with a handsome clock by their children. Kind and appreciative are they.

Mrs. E.C. Collins, matron of Delaware State Hospital, of Farnhurst, spent Sunday here with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Gill.

Mr. and Mrs. George Finner have moved to their new home on Delaware Avenue, it being formerly the home of Mr. Stradley.

The new M. E. Church at Massey, Md., was dedicated on last Sunday. The church is a fine one. Many persons were in attendance.

Did you hear of a Townsend boy breaking through the ice while skating a few Sundays ago. Too bad, better go to Sunday School boys.

The Sunday School has continued during the winter in a prosperous condition. Townsend has had unprecedented success in members and collections, notwithstanding the severe weather.

The Twentieth Century Club held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening, and the following officers were elected: President, Olin Skaggs; Secretary, John Weldon; Treasurer, Euphonia Collins; Organist, Ethelwyn J. Maloney.

Rev. F. F. Carpenter, a former pastor of this place, has gone to the Holy Land. Rev. Mr. Webster, of Deal's Island, is his traveling companion. It's a long journey and said to prove very interesting. Bon voyage, brethren.

Rector W. J. Wilkie, of Middletown, conducted very interesting services at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hubbard last Sunday. A fair-sized throng had assembled and the meeting was very well spoken of by all. Rev. Mr. Wilkie is a very popular minister of the Gospel and is much beloved by the church people here.

One of the most pleasant and fashionable oyster suppers was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. David, near Taylor's Bridge, on Wednesday evening last. The weather was quite favorable and the attendance large. The supper was given by a committee of that neighborhood. After an enjoyable evening all thanking Mr. and Mrs. David, also son and daughter, with the greatest gratitude for their kindness which added much enjoyment to the event. Henry Gill, of this place, furnished the menu of the evening, oysters, peaches, biscuits, cake, etc.

Rev. George P. Jones who has just closed his first year pastorate here at the Townsend Circuit M. E. Church, will leave for Delaware City tomorrow for a year with a most flattering report. He has made one of the best pastors Townsend has ever had. In his pastoral duties he has been ably assisted by his wife who is also much beloved by the church people here. Both have been zealous in their duty, and have endeavored themselves to all their parishioners. Townsend Circuit consists of three churches—Townsend, Union and Blackbird, and has steadily gained friends throughout the entire circuit. All heartily request his return for another year.

### California's Big Orange Crop

Reports continue to come in from all over central California about the shortage of fruit cars and the inability of the railroad companies to handle the big orange crop. Many of the large growers, it is said, have already lost heavily, and if something is not done in the near future, tons of marketable oranges and lemons will go to waste. The situation is said to be unprecedented.

### Will Begin Trolley Work

Recorder of Deeds James Lord, of Kent County, Thursday morning received word from the promoters of the Delaware General Electric Railway Company that they had been financed and would again commence work on the Milford-Woodland Beach Road the first of April and have the road completed within four months. They claim to have enough capital to construct the entire line from Milford to Woodland Beach.

### DELAWARE CITY

John Patterson spent Sunday in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Frank Jester visited the Quaker City this week.

Mrs. William A. Davidson spent Thursday in Wilmington.

Mr. Rankin, of Wilmington, was in town on Wednesday.

Mrs. Fred T. Eagle, of New Castle, was in town on Thursday.

Mrs. F. S. Dunlap spent part of Wednesday in Philadelphia.

Rev. William J. Hamilton was unable to secure the services of a visiting clergyman for Friday evening.

J. Thomas Price is recovering—has been out but still feeling badly.

Miss Nettie Colburn is at home after an absence of several weeks.

Mrs. F. A. Warner gave a euchre party Thursday evening of last week.

Mrs. Anna Lofland enjoyed a brief visit to Wilmington on Wednesday.

Mrs. F. A. Pennington is the guest of Mrs. J. Edwin Amos at Aberdeen, Md.

Mrs. Frank Pordham gave a party on Saturday evening at her home near town.

Three of the soldiers at Fort Dupont deserted on Wednesday which was pay day.

Miss Bessie Price, at time of writing, is confined to her room with throat trouble.

Mrs. George N. Bright is spending a week or two with her parents in St. Georges.

H. Yates is quite sick at the home of our postmaster. His wife is in attendance upon him.

There are four or five applicants for the post office, but it is expected that no change will be made.

Sergeant Kenely, at present residing at the corner of Fifth and Clinton streets, is ordered to Porto Rico.

William H. Hutton, contractor, was in town on Wednesday. He has just returned from Norfolk, Va.

Miss Hattie Cheairs is enjoying the hospitality of the home of her sister, Mrs. Manning, in Trenton, N. J.

Mrs. George H. Ford has been summoned to McDonough to the bedside of her mother who is very ill.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U., was held this week at the home of Mrs. William H. Jester.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Brown and their grandson have returned from a week's visit in Washington, D. C.

The fishing season has begun. Fish have been caught in the locks and some of the fishermen are fishing in the river.

Robert H. Zanner, surgeon, has returned to Fort Dupont, from Columbus Barracks, Ohio, where he has been on duty.

Mrs. James B. Clark is visiting friends in Swedesboro, N. J., and will visit relatives in Philadelphia, before returning home.

Mrs. E. B. Sheppard, of Granger, Indiana, who has been visiting relatives and friends in town, has gone to Harrington, Del., to visit.

The ladies of Christ Church parish are making arrangements to hold a sale shortly after Easter. It will probably be held in the parish house.

Misses Nora and Alice Ford went to Philadelphia on Sunday. Miss Nora returned Monday evening, but Miss Alice remained in the city visiting her brother.

Mrs. Eliza Waddley, a former resident of Delaware City, died last week at her home in New Castle. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bowen who lived for years on Fifth street.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bloom, Mrs. L. Graham and Mrs. Ritchie, of Philadelphia, attended the funeral of Edmund J. McClain on Thursday. Also Mrs. Harris Robinson and Mrs. Franklin.

Edgar Price, of Millington, Md., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Price this week. His wife is ill and Mr. Price telephoned to Wilmington to his daughter, who has been taking care of Mrs. Paynter, her aunt, that her mother need her services. Miss Price has been in training for a nurse and her training will stand her in good stead now.

Mrs. Louise Corbit who died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Warner, in Wilmington on Wednesday, was well known in the town and neighborhood. For years she was a member of Christ Church and although she had been away for several years, she always took an active interest in the affairs of the church. Her death was a shock to her old friends here who remember her gentle genial manners.

Edmund J. McClain, a former resident of Delaware City, died on Monday at the home of his niece, Mrs. E. Graham, in Philadelphia. Mr. McClain was in his 72d year, and only four months ago was bereaved of his wife. Services were held Wednesday evening at his late home and on Thursday his remains were brought here for interment in the graveyard of the Presbyterian Church. Rev. Mr. Stahl officiated at the grave.

Monday evening several persons boarded the Delaware City boarder the Saturday car at Fourth and Market Streets, Wilmington, and after riding as far as the Third Street bridge ascertained the fact that the engine at the power house had broken down, consequently, notwithstanding the protestations of the motor-men that a car would be there in a few moments, the wise and prudent ones walked back to the station and returned to their respective homes by way of the Pennsylvania railroad in good spirits if a little less in pocket. While those who waited did not arrive until after eleven o'clock.

One of the cruellest scenes of brutality was witnessed by several persons here Saturday in the yard of the canning factory, corner of Fifth and Clinton streets. A horse had been loaned or sold for a small sum to a man in town by one of the farmers near town, and while using it for driving purposes failed to feed it as he should have done. The poor beast starved and after becoming so helpless it was unable to get up on its feet, the man who had borrowed or bought it, brought several other men to the spot and while these made several efforts to pry the horse up on its feet, the whilom owner stood off and plied his whip. This mode of procedure was kept up for some time until some persons interfered. The next day Mr. Charles T. Pancoast ended the poor beast's misery by shooting it. Farmers who lend their aid in such despicable brutal work are almost as reprehensible as the man who plies his whip, while a poor old horse which has done his best days work is dying. Better far to knock the old worn out horse in the head than turn them over to the savage brutality of such wretches.

### CECILTON SIFTINGS

Mr. Walter Buckworth was in town on Friday.

Mrs. Louise Lake was a visitor in town on Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Black are visiting Baltimore relatives.

Little Miss Carmen Price is visiting her grandmother in town.

Mr. McCollough, of Rising Sun, is the guest of Dr. E. N. Crawford.

Byron Bouchelle, Jr., is quite ill, at his parents home in Chesapeake City.

Mrs. Julia Cosden spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Mollie Woolleyhan.

Mrs. Annie Humphrey spent part of Wednesday with Mrs. Jennie Price.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stradley visited relatives near Earleville on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Ruben Bond is very ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Blanche Crawford.

Miss Emma L. Taylor is spending a few days with her brother, Charles Taylor, in Baltimore.

Mrs. Nina Stradley is quite sick at her daughter's, Mrs. James Woolleyhan, near Earleville.

Mr. Craycroft, of Philadelphia, is entertained this week at Mr. Z. P. Lusby's, near town.

Mr. Allie Price after spending two weeks in Philadelphia, returned to his home on Tuesday.

Messrs. Thomas P. Jones, Jr., and N. P. Ferguson, spent part of this week with Baltimore friends.

Misses Emma and Ethel Vinyard are the guests of their cousin, Miss Edna Stephens, near town.

Mr. Ruben Bond, of Port Deposit, is spending some time with his daughter, Mrs. E. N. Crawford.

Miss Mollie Rickards is at home again after a very pleasant visit with Mrs. Charles Racine, at Porter's, Del.

Mrs. James Smith and Miss Augusta Mege spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Warner George, near Earleville.

Miss Lulu Manlove, after a pleasant visit with her sisters in Philadelphia, returned to her home on Friday evening.

### EARLEVILLE NOTES

Mrs. Frank Chivens is spending some time with friends in Wilmington.

Miss May Roe, of Massey, is the guest of Mrs. William G. Skirven, near Fairlee.

Mrs. Nannie Biddle spent Saturday of last week with her aunt in Chesapeake City.

The Misses Vinyard, of Warwick, are the guests of their aunt, Mrs. Emma Stevens.

At this writing Mrs. Sallie Pennington is very weak, with no hopes of her recovery.

Mrs. Gertrude Price, of Still Pond, was entertained by her mother, Mrs. Kate Dushane.

Mr. Guy Biddle was entertained on Sunday by his aunt, Mrs. Alice Clark, of Chesapeake City.

Mrs. Nina Stradley is very sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Woolleyhan, near this place.

Mrs. Robert Manlove, of Leonardtown, Md., is on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Katharine Mattox, near Cecilton.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Rowan entertained Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Roe and little son, Price, on Friday of last week.

Mrs. B. B. Price and daughter, of Fredericktown, spent Sunday with the family of Mr. Jerry C. Price, near town.

We are glad to report the improved condition of Mrs. Amanda Allen, who was severely burned while bathing with turpentine one evening last week.

### MURDERED FOR HIS MONEY

George Hearn, a retired citizen of Harrington, was found lying in a pool of blood Tuesday afternoon, where he had been murdered. At 12.30 o'clock a young woman, Miss Sadie Hickman, chanced to pass through a vacant lot back of the mills of Ezekiel Fleming, and noticed a man lying, apparently asleep. She approached him cautiously and beheld a ghastly sight. She recognized the man as Mr. Hearn. Blood was rushing from his mouth, nose and eyes, the jawbone was broken and the left ear gone. She notified the neighbors, and soon the whole town was alarmed. Business was temporarily suspended all the afternoon.

Fred Harrington, who was appointed to look after the case by Coroner Baynard, found every evidence of a foul murder. He discovered a bullet hole in Hearn's right cheek, but no revolver or weapon of any kind could be found anywhere around. The pockets had been rifled, and the victim's wallet was gone, as were his other valuables, and two five-dollar gold pieces were picked up from where they had been dropped by the murderer in his hasty work.

Mr. Hearn was a retired cabinet maker, and has made money at his business. While a prominent and well-known citizen, he was not a carry large amounts of money, from \$200 to \$500, about with him constantly, and took pleasure in showing his gold, and oft times in helping some poor person or good cause.

SUPPOSED MURDERER ARRESTED.

Daniel Bending was arrested on Wednesday on suspicion of having committed the murder. Bending is a



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Trains Leave Middletown as follows:  
North Bound—3.30, 7.30, 9.30 and 10.30 a. m.  
4.15 and 5.00 p. m.  
South Bound—12.45, 3.11 and 11.30 a. m.; 3.54  
5.18 and 7.51 p. m.

Mails Close as follows:  
Going North—7.30 a. m., 10.55 a. m., 3.55 and 5.00 p. m.  
Going South—3.50 a. m., 5.10 p. m.  
For Odessa—9.10 a. m., 11.40 a. m., 3.30 p. m.  
For Warwick, Cecilton, Barville and Sassafras—9.15 a. m.

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### Local News.

Many of our farmers have moved to new homes during the week.

Seed in bulk—Pears, Corn, Beans, Radishes, etc., at W. T. CONNELLEY'S, 300, E. Street, Florist, Middletown, Del.

Mr. J. Crossland has moved to one of the new dwellings of Mrs. G. W. Peterson on East Main street.

The J. C. Parker & Son Co., are so pressed with orders that it is necessary for their workmen to make overtime.

LIME! LIME! LIME!

For best Wrightville Lime Landlime prices from John W. Jolls before purchasing.

DETECTIVES.—Men wanted, experience not necessary; if experienced state particulars. Enclose stamp. Box 125, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. John Denny has moved from the farm to North Broad street, occupying the dwelling recently vacated by Mr. James L. Collins.

Arrangements are being made for a pool tournament among the members of the Hosiery Company, at the Hosiery House in the near future.

A meeting was held Friday evening at the office of Warren & Cochran, to arrange for the Easter dance. The date will be announced next week.

Miss Eliza Hurn has removed her dress-making room to the Tansbury building, (second floor), where she will be pleased to see her old customers.

DIAMOND CONDITION POWDERS for horses and cattle, promotes digestion, improves the hair and restores a healthy condition. 15 cents a pk. at PEABODY'S PHARMACY.

Messrs. Z. T. Bradley & Son are making extensive improvements to the Kennedy building on North Broad street, and will convert the building into offices.

If you are looking for good cheap groceries go to the cent grocery store. The best of everything in my line at very low prices. Also a full line of Millinery. Miss E. F. Ingram.

Rev. E. W. Caswell has selected the subjects for the Sunday services at the M. E. Church as follows: Morning—"The Mercy of God." Evening—"Jehovah Jireh"—The Lord will provide.

Mrs. L. C. Scott entertained a number of her young friends Monday evening. Music was the principal feature of the evening. Refreshments were served and a very enjoyable evening spent.

If we are to judge from what we hear and see, there will be many changes in Middletown on the 25th, and the housewife who has the task of moving to perform, will be among our busy bees for the next ten days.

The beautiful floral design representing a clock, the gift of the children of the late Mrs. Mary W. Vail who was buried last Monday, was a piece of work that our florist, Mr. E. J. Stead, will well feel proud of. It was not bought but made by our local florist.

The fixtures for the new post office arrived in town yesterday, and workmen are busily engaged in placing them in position. Postmaster Jolls expects to move to his new quarters the first of the coming week, and the new post office will be both modern and convenient.

The large public sale of Mrs. Mary C. Reed, Friday, was well attended, and the prices realized were very satisfactory. Mrs. Reed has rented the dwelling vacated some months since by Mr. John Armstrong on North Broad street, and will move in town in a few days.

Have just received a portion of our Seed Potatoes, including the Michigan, Main Holten Roe. These are the genuine Holten Roe Potatoes. Prices will be found very satisfactory, as we bought in large quantities and are able to sell very reasonable.

MIDDLETOWN EXCHANGE STORE, W. E. EVANS & SON.

At the Glass Blowers entertainment in the Opera House, Wednesday evening, Miss Estella Sydnay was awarded a prize in one of the contests. Thursday evening in the contest for the "ugliest man in town," Mr. Alfred Muhlbarger was voted the honor. Mr. Muhlbarger was called to the platform, and after a few fitting remarks accepted the joke, concluding with a song and dance, which was much enjoyed by those present. Al. is hard to lose.

FOR SALE.—1000 bushels Northern grown "Early Rose" Potatoes, at 85c. per bushel. 500 bushels "Crown Jewel" Potatoes, at 85c. per bushel. 700 bushels "Early Beauty of Hebron" Potatoes, at 85c. per bushel. 100 bushels White Onion Sets, at \$2.50 per bushel. 100 bushels Yellow Onion Sets, at \$2.25 per bushel. 800 bushels Cow Peas, at \$1.50 to \$1.75 per bushel. 1000 bushels Western grown Clover Seed, at \$6.50 to \$7.00 per bushel. J. E. HOLLAND, Milford, Del.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary W. Vail on Monday was well attended, and the remarks by her pastor, Rev. E. W. Caswell, will be found on the first page of this issue. Rev. Alfred Smith was also present, and made some very impressive remarks, as did the Rev. Alfred T. Scott, of Wilmington. The floral gifts were very handsome. The design given by her children was a large clock with the hands pointing to the hour which the devoted mother departed this life—12.30, and the word "Mother" inscribed thereon.

A bunch of 87 carnations from Miss Bessie Crouch was very handsome, there being one for each year of Mrs. Vail's life. A bunch of white calla lilies, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bratton; sheaf of wheat, Mrs. B. S. Clark; wreath of violets, Mrs. William Horsey; sheaf of wheat and white roses, Mrs. H. J. Ellison; a bunch of white and pink carnations, Mrs. Annie Taylor and Mrs. Edgar Clark; a bunch of pink lilies, Mrs. Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Ritchie; cut flowers, Mrs. A. G. Cox. The bearers were: Messrs. G. E. Hukill, A. G. Cox, M. B. Burris, J. C. Parker, G. W. W. Naudain and J. F. McWhorter.

MATTING FOR SALE.—Good quality at 11 cents per yard.

Mrs. G. W. Peterson.

Seed Potatoes—stock guaranteed. Groceries of all kinds, at W. T. CONNELLEY'S.

Mr. B. F. Lippincott is building an addition to his stable near Lockwood street.

Dr. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

FOR RENT.—The dwelling on Lake street, now occupied by William Dixon. Apply to E. S. Jones.

Advance Steam Laundry, office opposite W. S. Letherby's. Work guaranteed. Goods delivered.

C. R. CLAYTON.

VAGRANT'S NERVE TONIC.—Best Spring medicine, purifies the blood, cures indigestion, pint bottles 50 cents each, at PEABODY'S PHARMACY.

The New Century Club's program for next Tuesday afternoon is: "The Anglo-Venezuelan Arbitration Tribunal," Mrs. J. P. Cochran; "Mexico's Progress During the Century," Miss Jodie Biggs; "National Postal Savings Banks," Miss Annie Ellison.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is "Christ Our High Priest," Heb. 7:24-28. Leader, William B. Kates.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of First Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is "Christ Our High Priest," Heb. 7:24-28.

A large stock on hand of both "AMERICAN" FIELD FENCE, and "ELLWOOD" FIELD, HOG AND POULTRY FENCE, and will be sold as low as the lowest. Learn our prices before buying elsewhere as we will not be undersold.

MIDDLETOWN HARDWARE HOUSE.

FOR RENT.—THE DWELLING on East Main street, now occupied by George S. Richards. Also the large stable near the National Hotel, now in the tenure of Middletown Creamery. Possession given to each 25th March 1901. G. E. HUKILL.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending March 14th: Ladies—Mrs. Lou Green, (two), Mrs. Mary Lee Grooms, Miss Annie Grooms, Mrs. Rebecca Price, Gentlemen—K. C. Harringer, E. D. Ogden, Mr. Porter, Robert Wilson.

Now ready to supply our patrons with Fertilizers for all Spring Crops from our Warehouses at Middletown and Newark, Del., and Kennedysville, Md., having several car loads stored at each point.

J. M. REYNOLDS, AGT.

Mr. James H. Burrows will open a pool room in the rear of the store room recently vacated by Mr. John Armstrong. The pool room will be opened to-day, and during the coming week Mr. Burrows will move his chair store and news stand to the old stand on West Main street.

Mr. John B. Alden, residing near town, lost his pocketbook containing \$160 last Saturday. Mr. Boulden had been in Philadelphia, and the last time he had occasion to look for his pocketbook, when buying his ticket at Broad Street Station. He did not know of his loss until he reached Middletown, and at last reports had not recovered the book.

The next session of the Wilmington M. E. Conference will convene in Grace Church, Wilmington, instead of Seaford as first proposed. The State Board of Health has discovered that there are about 50 cases of varioloid in Seaford and it would therefore be unsafe to leave the large number of ministers to the town. On our first page will be found the names of the members of the conference, also the names of those who were to have entertained them at Seaford, which was in type and printed before the change was announced, and a correction could not be made at that late hour.

Bishop Leighton Coleman, of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese, this State, will ask no questions if the persons who stole a prayer book from him on inauguration day will return it. Incidentally it may be remarked that the Bishop relishes the joke that is on the thief, who doubtless thought he was getting a well-filled pocketbook. After the inauguration the Bishop started for Annapolis, Md., and noticed that he was being unceremoniously jostled, and suspecting pickpockets, felt his pockets and found everything safe. Sometime later, however, he missed the prayer book, which he carried in his inside coat pocket. It was a memento and highly prized by him.

NEW TRIAL FOR MRS. BOTKIN

The Supreme Court of California has reversed the judgment of the lower court in the case of Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, convicted of murder, and remanded the case for re-trial on the ground that the charges contained in the declarations were unsound and constitute a reversible error.

It was also decided by the Supreme Court that it would not be well to wait for a new trial to pass upon the question of jurisdiction. This matter was taken up and decided by a ruling that murder committed in part in the State of California is punishable under the laws of the State exactly in the same way and in the same courts, and under the same procedure as if the crime were committed entirely within the State.

Mrs. Botkin took the news of the granting of a new trial quietly and said she preferred to have it so, as she felt sure she would be set free. "It's much better," she added, "that I be granted a new trial for if the court had decided the California court had no jurisdiction, and I had been set free, there would have been a stain on my name."

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Middletown is soon to have a library. The movement was recently started in this direction by the ladies of The New Century Club and is meeting with general approval. There are several book clubs in town but their memberships are limited and the need of a good library has long been felt, where the membership can be much larger.

The membership tickets are one dollar and subscriptions can be paid to Miss Marion Cochran or members of the Century Club. The Transcript wishes the ladies success in their undertaking.

### PERSONALITIES

Mr. S. Emlyn Massey is at Claymont.

Mr. David Leshem has returned from Wilmington.

Miss Florence Gill has returned from Wilmington.

Miss May M. Holten is visiting at Summit Bridge.

Mr. B. P. Wilson, of Elkton, was in town Monday.

Mr. William Waller, of Dover, was in town Thursday.

Mr. J. H. Emerson was in the Quaker City, Thursday.

Mr. Walter Green, of Wilmington, was in town Sunday.

Miss Adda J. Ford is the guest of Philadelphia friends.

Mr. Theodore Kumpel was in Philadelphia, Sunday.

Mrs. J. G. Bragdon was in Philadelphia, Wednesday.

Miss Nan Hardestie has returned from a visit to the West.

Mr. John W. Watkins, of Smyrna, was in town yesterday.

Mr. W. R. Holten spent Sunday with Philadelphia friends.

Mr. F. L. Cates spent several days of this week at Newark.

Rev. F. H. Moore is enjoying this week at Atlantic City.

Mrs. C. P. Gears, of Smyrna, visited friends here yesterday.

Mrs. Charles A. Ritchie was in Philadelphia on Wednesday.

Miss Martha C. Heaton is spending a few days in Philadelphia.

Mr. William H. Brady is spending a few days in Philadelphia.

Mr. W. P. Wilson, of Townsend, paid us a pleasant call on Thursday.

Governor Hunn attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary W. Vail on Monday.

Mrs. H. V. Parvis and daughter, Miss Grace, were in Wilmington this week.

'Squire William R. Reynolds was in Wilmington and Philadelphia, Tuesday.

Mr. Robert L. Johnson has accepted a position with H. Ingram & Co., this town.

Mrs. James McColgan and Mrs. Joseph C. Jolls visited Baltimore relatives on Sunday.

Miss Daisy McAllister who has been visiting Miss Ada Cochran on South Broad street has returned to Brooklyn.

Mr. William H. Mason, representing the Manufacturers' National Bank, of Baltimore, was in town Thursday.

Mrs. Maggie Smith attended the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Townsend, at Townsend, Thursday evening.

Messrs. J. S. Crouch and J. L. Shepherd have returned home from a week's visit to Washington, D. C., Old Point Comfort and Richmond, Va.

Mr. Walter Beaten has resigned his position as clerk in the office of Recorder of Deeds, Delaware Clark, and accepted a position as collector for the Deering Harvesting Company, Chicago, Ill. Mr. Beaten will enter upon his new duties to-day.

Mrs. Louis E. Earned and son, of Brooklyn, and Miss May Harper, of Denver, Col., were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard on Friday. Miss Harper's mission to Delaware was a very sad one she having accompanied the body of Mrs. Louis E. Earned's brother, Mr. John (Clem), who died in the West last week, to Delaware. Mr. John Clemens was buried at Leipzig on Thursday of last week.

BETHESDA SUNDAY SCHOOL

This Sunday School has taken on a new lease of prosperity, and now bids fair to occupy the proud position it once maintained, as one of the best organized and most flourishing Sunday Schools in the Wilmington Conference. New classes are being formed under the care of competent and experienced teachers, special attention being given to young men and adults. Two new departments have been instituted, the "Cradle Roll Department," in which all children under the age of three years will be enrolled; and the "Home Department," which seeks to look after all persons who cannot attend the regular sessions of the school. Those who become members of the "Home Department" are furnished with the lesson leaf and supplies, they agreeing to study the lesson at least one-half hour each week. A Sunday School choir and orchestra will be organized. The school is now at work on a very beautiful Easter program, called the "First Easter Story," the music of which will be rehearsed to-morrow. All persons are cordially invited to become members of Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Sunday School.

Johnson & Stokes' Garden and Flower Seeds, two packages for 5 cents, regular 5 cent size, at W. T. CONNELLEY'S.

PORT PENN WAVES

C. C. Conard spent Tuesday in Wilmington.

Mr. Frank Reynolds, of Odessa, was in town on Monday.

Miss Jennie Bender is spending two weeks in St. Georges.

Albert Kumpel will sell you the best goods at lowest prices.

Mr. George W. Ingram, of Middletown, was a visitor on Monday.

Mr. James Padley, of McDonough, was in town on Saturday evening.

Mr. Elmer Bender has moved to the house vacated by John Gannon.

Mr. Thomas Davis and brother, of Blackbird, spent Saturday in town.

Miss Ida Lord, of Princess Anne, Md., is visiting her aunt, Miss Emma Lord.

Mr. Russell Eaton, of the U. S. Quarantine Station, spent Saturday with his family.

Mr. W. H. Moore, of Middletown, spent Monday with his brother, James F. Moore.

Messrs. Abraham Vandegrift and Garrett Shelton was in Middletown on Monday.

Messrs. John Weist and J. Warner Brockton, of Odessa, was in town on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Yearley were presented with a fine baby girl, named Dorothy May.

Miss Lewis, principal of the public school, spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Glasgow.

Mr. Augustus Lynn, of Philadelphia, is spending a few days with Joseph Moore and family.

### 25th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

TOWNSEND, Del., March 15, 1901.

Mr. and Mrs. John Townsend celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at their pleasant country home last evening, and the occasion proved to be one of the most pleasing social functions of the season. The house had been decorated in a very appropriate manner, and the guests took full possession of the cozy home, everybody enjoying themselves in a manner that caused the evening to pass by only too rapidly, and the bride and groom of a quarter century ago, were the happiest couple in the large gathering. They are among our oldest and best citizens, and the large assemblage present was sufficient evidence of the high esteem in which our people hold Mr. and Mrs. Townsend. At a late hour the guests were invited to the dining-room a bounteous collation was served and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Among those present were:

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